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# THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW

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## EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WITH this number, the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW enters on its twentieth volume. The Editors have decided to discontinue the serial publication of the Review after the issue which will appear in July, 1908.

This decision has been made, and is persisted in, with much reluctance. Except for some disappointment of their hope that the Review might be the medium for a living Theology, the Editors have derived unalloyed pleasure from their undertaking, and it has been a source of happiness to them to be associated with one another in this literary work just as they have been intimately united in personal friendship. Moreover, many scholars have in the most generous terms expressed their appreciation of the services rendered to Biblical and later Jewish literature and theology by the Review, and several of them have urged the Editors to reconsider their intention to discontinue the publication. But, for reasons upon which it is here unnecessary to dwell, the editorial work has fallen almost entirely upon the Editor whose name stands first upon the title-page. Twenty years is a long period to have borne the brunt of the labour, and the work, though sweetened by appreciation, grows more and not less onerous as the Editor grows older. He thinks,

and his colleague agrees with him, that he has earned the right to relinquish an undertaking which makes such serious inroads on his time and energy as to prevent him from devoting himself to his own literary work.

But the Editors do not intend to make a complete end to the Review. It is the *serial* publication that they find it imperative to abandon next July. From time to time the Editors hope to issue volumes which will be constituted on the same general lines as before, with, if possible, rather more attention than previously to Theology. Yet, on the whole, these new occasional volumes (which will not necessarily be published annually, or at any regular intervals) will not essentially differ (except in size) from the present annual volumes of the Review.

These occasional volumes, at whatever intervals they may happen to appear, will continue to bear the old title even when it no longer accurately describes the publication. Such an inconsistency between title and character has a precedent in the *Fortnightly Review* which comes out once a month. Moreover, it will be much more convenient for purposes of reference, if the first "occasional" volume be termed vol. XXI of the JEWISH QUARTERLY than if a brand new title were invented.

It will be the endeavour of the Editors to make the occasional volumes worthy of the reputation of the Review. Relying, as they feel confident they may, on the continued support of the eminent scholars, Jewish and Christian, whose work has made the Review what it is—the Editors hope that their publication will, in the future as in the past, contribute to the record of research and the promulgation of ideas which may benefit learning and promote truth.